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it is mutually agreed that this Contract shell be performed subject to the conditions contained in this Charler which shell include Pair I as well as Part II, in the event of a conflict of conditions, the provisions of Part I shell prevail over those of Part II to the extent of such conflict.

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PART II

"Gencon" Charter (As Revised 1922 and 1976) Including "F.I.O" Alternative, etc.

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that:
The said vessel shall proceed to the loading port or place stated in Box 10 or so near thereto as she may safety get and its atways affect, and there load a full and complete cargo (if attlement of deak earge agreed came to be at Charterers' risk) as stated in Box 12 (Charterers to provide all mats and/or wood for dunnage and any (Charterers to provide all mats and/or wood for durinage and any separations required, the Owners ellowing the tee of any-durinage weed on beard if required) which the Charterers bind themselves to ship, and being so toaded the vessel shall proceed to the discharging port or place stated in Eox 11 as ordered on signing Bills of Lading or so near thereto as the may safety get and ite always affoat and there deliver the cargo on Asulan Sear being paid freight on delivered.

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Owners' Responsibility Clause

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Owners are to be responsible for loss of or damage to the goods
or for delay in delivery of the goods only in case the loss, damage
or delay has been caused by the improper or negligent stowage or
the goods (unless stowage parformed by shippers/Charterers or their
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tof the Owners or their Manager to make the vessel in all respects
aworthy and to secure that she is properly manned, equipped an
supplied or by the personal act or default of the Owners or their
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And the Owners are responsible for no loss or damage or delay arising from any other cause whatsoever, even from the neglect or default of the Capitain or crew or some other person employed by the Owners on board or ashore for whose acts they would, but for this clause, be responsible, or from unecaworthiness of the vessel on loading or commencement of the voyage or at any time whatsoever. Damage caused by contact with an leakage, small or evaporation from other goods or by the inflammable or explosive values or insufficient package of other goods not to be centifiered as caused by improper or negligent stewage, even if in fact so caused.

The vessel has liberty to call at any port or ports in any order, for any purpose, to sall without pilots, to tow and/or essist vessels in all situations, and also to deviate for the purpose of saving life and/

. syment or present to be paid in the monner presented in Bex 14 in path without discount on delivery of the earge at mean rate of exchange ruling on-day or days of payment, the reselvers of the earge being bound to pay freight on account during delivery. If required by Captain or Owners.

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(a) Grace Terms
The surge to be brought slongside in such and pay the necessary men on whose or an board the lighters to procuse the work there, veces any heaving the aargo on board. The lighters to de the work there, veces any heaving the aargo on board. If the lighters to de the work there, veces any heaving the aargo on board. If the lighters to de the veces of board of the lighters any paying thriming expenses.

wy pisses ander packages of cargo over two tone weight, shall be saided, stowed and discharged by Charterers at their risk and expense, the cargo to be resched by Merchante at their risk and expense alongside the vessel not beyond the reach of her tackle.

(b) F.i.o. and free stowed/trimmed
The cargo shell be brought into the holds, loaded, stowed and/or trimmad and taken from the holds and discharged by the Charlerers or their Agents, free of any risk, Hability and expense whatsoever to the

Owners shall provide winches, motive power and winchmen from the Crew if requested and permitted; if not, the Charterers shall provide and pay for winchmen from shore and/or cranes, if any. (This provision shall not apply if vessel is gearless and stated as such in

indicate atternative (a) or (b), as agreed, in Box 15.

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(a) Separate tayline for loading and discharging
The cargo-shall be loaded within the number of running hours as indicated in Box 16, weather permitting. Sundays and holidays excepted, unless used in which event time actually used chall count.
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notice of readiness is given before noon, and at 8 am, next was
day. If notice given during office hours after noon. Notice at lea
port to be given to the Shippers named in Box 17.

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7. Demurrage

Ten running days on demurage at the rate stated in Bex 18 per day, or pre-size for any part of a day, psyable day by day, to be allowed Merchante allogether at perio of leading and discharging.

Lien Clause

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Owners shall have a ken on this cargo for freight, dead-freight, demarrage and demages for detention. Charterers shall remain responsible for dead-freight and demurrage (including damages for detention), incurred at port of loading. Charterers shall also remain responsible for freight and demurrage (including damages for detention) incurred at port of discharge, but only to such extent as the Owners have been unable to obtain payment thereof by exercicing the lies on the barrage. 20 25 28 27

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Bille of Lading The Captain or his Agents to sign Bills of Lading. Freight payable as per 115 governing Chanter-Party, at ouch rele of Irolghi ac property put chould he presented without prejudice to the Chinterparty, but chould the irolghi by Bills of Leding amount to loss than the total chartered feeight the difference to be paid to the Captain in each an eigning

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10. Cancelling Clause

Cancelling Clause
Should the vessel not be ready to load (whether in berth or not) on an before the date indicated in Box 19, Charterers have the option of cancelling this contract, such option to be declared, if demanded, at least 49 hours before vessels expected arrival at port of loading. Should the vessel be delayed on account of average or otherwise. Charterers to be informed as soon as possible, and if the vessel is delayed for more than 10 days after the day she is stated to be expected ready to load, Charterers have the option of cancelling this contract, unless a cancelling date has been agreed upon. 123 124 125 128

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Indemnity for non-performance of this Charterparty, proved damages, 135 and exceeding estimated amount of (relah). not exceeding estimated amount of freight.

58 57 Agency See Clause 25 -13.

in every case the Cymers shall appoint his own Broker or Agent both at the part of leading and the part of discharge. 58 69 80

14. Brokerage

A brokerage commission at the rate stated in Box 20 on the freight earned is due to the party mentioned in Box 20. In case of non-execution at least 1/3 of the brokerage on the estimated 61 62 amount of freight and deaf-freight to be paid by the Owners to the Brokers as indemnity for the latter's expenses and work, in case of more voyages the amount of indemnity to be mutually agreed.

GENERAL STRIKE CLAUSE

Neither Charleters nor Owners shall be responsible for the con-sequences of any strikes or lock-outs preventing or delaying the fulfilment of any obligations under this contract. fulfillment of any obligations under this contract. If there is a strike or lock-out affecting the foeding of the cargo, or any part of it, when vessel is ready to proceed from her last port or as any time during the voyage to the port or ports of loading or after her arrival there. Captain or Owners may ask Charterers to declare, that they agree to reckon the laydays as if there were no strike or lock-out. Unless Charterers have given such declaration in writing (by telegram, if necessary) within 24 hours. Owners shall have the option of cancelling this contract. If pert cargo has already been loaded. Owners must proceed with same. (freight payable on loaded quantity only) having liberty to complete with other cargo on the way for their own account. If there is a strike or lock-out affecting the discharge and same has not been settled within 48 hours, Receivers shall have the option of 151 161

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keeping vessel waiting until such strike or lock-out is at an end against paying helf demurrage after expiration of the time provided for discharging, or of ordering the vessel to a safe port where she can ealely discharge without risk of being detained by strike or lock-out. Such orders to be given within 48 hours after Capital or Owners have given notice to Charterers of the strike or lock-out affecting the discharge. On delivery of the cargo at such port, all conditions of this Charterparty and of the Bill of Lading shall apply and vessel shall receive the same freight as if she had discharged at the original port of destination, except that if the distance of the substituted port exceeds 100 nautical miles, the freight on the cargo delivered at the substituted port to be increased in proportion. 170 171 172 173

War Risks ("Voywar 1980") See Clause 50 -

(1) In these clauses "War Ricks" shall include any blockeds or any sation which is ennounced so a blockeds by any Government or by any belligerent or by any organized body, sabelage, piracy, and any actual or threatened war, bacilities, warlike operations, civil war, with com-

(2)-II-at-any-time before the Voscel commences loading performance of the control will subject the Vessel or her Meter erow or her carge to war ricks at any stage of the adventure, the Charterare chall be onliked by letter or telegram despatched to the Charterare

(3) The Master-shall not be ung or to proceed an or to up sunt; of Leaning for any servenue which or any part at which it appears that the Veget, her Mayler crew or her cargo will be subjected to war ricks in the event of exercise by the Meeter of his right under this Clause effer part or cargo has been leaded. The Muster shall be at liberty either to sharps such cargo at he leading part or to proceed therewith.

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(a) The Vessel shall have liberty to comply with any directions ecommandations as to leading, departure, critical, reutes, parts all, steppages, declination, zones, waters, discharge, delikery or my other wise whatsoever (including any direction or recomplished to be a few or to proceeding to or to proceed to some other part) given by any Government or my belligation or by any organized body angled in chill war, little or warlike operations or by any person or body acting or warlike operations or by any person or body acting or critical to call use or warlike operations or by any organized body and committee of characters of a new such organized body or by any committee of gener to the design with the destroy, or sny toward the percent or of sny such organized body or by any committee or on having under the terms of the war risks insurance on the left, the right to give any such directions or resormandations. It was not in compliance with only such direction or recorn delice and the committee of the committee of

I. by reason of or in compliance with any such directions or re-mondations. The Vessel does not proceed to the port or ports of in the Billion of Leding of to which she may have been sed pursuant thereto. The Vessel may proceed to any port as ted or recommended or to any safe port which the Owners in allocation may decide on and there discharge the carge. Such sarge, shall be deemed to be due fulfilment of the contract of 235 236 237 239 242

(6) All extra-expenses (including-incurance costs) involved in discharging-args at the loading-port or in reaching or discharging the carge at any port as provided in Clauses 4 and 5 (b) hereof shall be paid by the Charterers and/or earge owners, and the Owners shall have

a lien on the cargo for all moneys due under these Clauses.

188 17. GENERAL ICE CLAUSE 189 Port of leading

(a) in the event of the loading port being inaccessible by reason of ice when vessel is ready to proceed from her last port or at any time during the voyage or on vessel's arrival or in case frost sots in after vessel's arrival; the Ceptiain for fear of being frozen in is at tibetty to leave without cargo, and this Charler shall be nuil and

void.
(b) If during loading the Captain, for fear of vessel being frozen in, deems it advisable to leave, he has liberty to do so with what cargo he has on board and to proceed to any other port or ports with option of completing cargo for Owners' benefit for any port or ports including port of discharge. Any part cargo thus toaded under this Charter to be forwarded to destination at vessel's expense but against peyment of freight, provided that no extre expenses be thereby caused to the Raceivers, freight being paid on quantity delivered (in proportion if lumpeum) all other conditions as per Charter. delivere Charter.

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(c) In case of more than one loading port, and if one or more of the ports are closed by ice, the Captain or Owners to be at liberty either to load the part cargo at the open port and fill up elsewhere for their own secount as under section (b) or to declare the Charter null and void unless Charterers agree to load full cargo at the open

port.
(d) This ice Clause not to apply in the Spring.

(a) Should ice (except in the Spring) prevent vessel from reaching port of discharge Receivers shell have the option of keeping vessel waiting until the re-opening of navigation and paying demurage, or or ordering the vessel to a safe and immediately accessible port where she can safely discharge without risk of detention by ice. Such orders to be given within 48 hours after Capitain or Owners have given notice to Charterers of the impossibility of reaching port of destination. 281

(b) If during discharging the Capitain for lear of vessel being frozen in deems it advisable to leave, he has liberty to do so with what cargo he has on board and to proceed to the nearest accessible port where she can safely discharge.

(c) On delivery of the cargo at such port, all conditions of the Bill of Lading shall apply and vessel shall receive the same treight as it she had discharged at the original port of destination, except that if the distance of the substituted port exceeds 100 nautical miles, the freight on the cargo delivered at the substituted port to be increased in according.

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ADDITIONAL CLAUSES TO SUBJECT CHARTER-PARTY DATED LAUSANNE, 5TH OCTOBER, 2006

Clause 20

95 % of freight to be paid within five (5) banking days after signing / releasing Bill(s) of Lading marked "Freight payable as per Charter-Party" and Owners' email or fax freight invoice.

The balance of freight together with demurrage / despatch, if any, to be settled within thirty (30) days after right and true delivery of cargo.

In case of late payment Charterers to pay interest basis 20 % annualized.

Owners' bank account:

Bank:

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd.

Sun Hung Kai Centre Branch, Hong Kong

Swift Code:

HSBCHKHHHKH

In favour of:

Transfield ER Maritime Limited

USD Account:

HK 499-319226 - 274

Via Bank:

HSBC Bank, USA, New York

A/C No. 000-0-4441-5

Swift Code: MRNDUS33

Reference:

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The vessel to be in every way fully suitable to load, carry and discharge this cargo. No cargo to be loaded in the vessel's deep-tanks, bunker or other places inaccessible to grabs by Charterers' stevedores.

The vessel to be guaranteed suitable for grab discharge.

Owners guarantee vessel is ITF / AHL fitted and to satisfy themselves regarding any restriction / limitation at loading port and discharging port.

Clause 22

Loading Rate

Cargo to be loaded as per attached Load Scale.

Clause 23

Discharging Rate(s)

Cargo to be discharged at the average rate of :

at <u>BEILUN</u> -	20,000 MT per weather working day of 24 consecutive hours, Sundays
	and holidays included;

at <u>BAYUOUAN</u> - 15,000 MT per weather working day of 24 consecutive hours, Sund	lays
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and holidays included;

at <u>ZHOUSHAN</u> - 10,000 MT per weather working day of 24 consecutive hours, Sundays

and holidays included;

at CHANGZHOU - 10,000 MT per weather working day of 24 consecutive hours, Sundays

and holidays included;

at <u>SHEKOU</u> - 10,000 MT per weather working day of 24 consecutive hours, Sundays

- and holidays included;

Clause 24

At load port, laytime for loading shall commence 12 hours after Notice of Readiness (NOR) is tendered unless sooner commenced, whether vessel is in berth or not, or when loading commences, whichever is the sooner, NOR to load shall be tendered with clean holds, hatches opened in all respects ready to load at anytime in or out of office hours after the vessel has duly arrived at the boarding area at the port of loading subject to free pratique being granted prior to or on arrival in berth of loading provided however that if free pratique is not granted prior to or on arrival in berth of loading due to cause attributable to the vessel then such NOR shall be of no effect and a fresh NOR shall be tendered if and when vessel is in free pratique with clean holds, hatches, opened and in all respects ready to load, in case of combination of ore carrier and tanker type vessel, in addition to the above the Master must present a gas free certificate before tendering NOR.

At discharge port Notice of Readiness (NOR) shall tendered / accepted after arrival of vessel at discharging port, at any time day or night, Sundays and holidays included, provided vessel is in all respects ready for discharging. If discharging berth is unavailable at this time the vessel tender Notice of Readiness from the normal recognized waiting place designated by the port authority, even if outside the normal port limits and whether in free pratique or not, whether customs have cleared or not, whether in port or not, whether in berth or not. 24 hours turn time, unless sooner commenced at each discharging port.

Notice of Readiness at second discharge port should be tendered as soon as vessel arrived at the anchorage / waiting place closest to the port.

Clause 25

Agents

Agents at loading ports shall be nominated by Owners and Agents at discharging port shall be nominated by Charterers.

<u> Ćlause 26</u>

Loading / DischargingPort(s)

Cargo to be loaded at one safe port, one / two safe berth(s) Seven Islands, Quebec, Canada, and to be discharged at one safe port, one / two safe berth(s) Beilun + one safe port, one / two safe berth(s) Changzhou, or at one safe port, one / two safe berth(s) Zhoushan + one safe port, one / two safe berth(s) Changzhou, or at one safe port, one / two safe berth(s) Bayuquan, or at one safe port, one / two safe berth(s) / safe anchorage(s) Shekou.

Owners to verify themselves about any prevailing restriction at all ports, berths and approaches under this Contract at both loading and discharging ports.

Vessel employed under this Contract at all times to comply with all current Canadian port regulations.

Clause 27

Vessel to work overtime if requested to do so, and all extra expenses incurred thereby to be paid by party ordering same, except for crew / Officers' overtime, which always to be for Owners' account. If overtime ordered by port authorities, same to be for Charterers' account.

Clause 28

Shifting time between first to second berth both at loading and discharging ports to count as laytime and costs for shifting to be for Owners' account.

Shifting alongside loading and discharging berth if required to facility loading / discharging and trimming to be effected by Owners shifting time to count, shifting expenses to be for Owners' account.

Shifting from waiting berth to loading respectively discharging berth to be done by Owners at their time, risk and expense.

Clause 29

Before loading of the cargo commenced, cleaning of the vessel to be carried out by Owners for Owners' account, if vessel has been washed, humidity is allowed, but no water to be left when loading commences.

The vessel to have clean and dry hold and to be in every way suitable for loading this cargo to Shippers' inspector's satisfaction.

Before tendering Notice of Readiness and before commencement of loading, vessel's holds, hatches, beams and bottom sides of hatch cover to be free of all containing substances and loose rust.

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Clause 31

General Average, if any, to be settled according to York-Antwerp Rules 1974, amended 1990 in Hong Kong.

Clause 32

Demurrage / Despatch Money

Demurrage at load as per Load Scale attached >

Demurrage at discharge at U.S.\$ 30,000,- per day or pro rata,

Half despatch for laytime saved at both ends.

Clause 33

New Jason Clause, New Both-to-Blame Collision Clause, P. & I. Bunkering Clause and Clause Paramount incorporated Hague Rules Legislation are deemed to be incorporated in this Contract.

Clause 34

In the absence of Bill(s) of Lading at discharging port Owners/Master to allow cargo discharge against Consignees countersigned by Charterers' Letter of Indemnity only in Owners' standard P. and I. wording without bank endorsement or guarantee.

Clause 35

Master / Owners or their Agents have to give Charterers and Suppliers 5 / 3 / 2 days notice of E.T.A. and thereafter 24 hours definitely notice before vessel arrival at loading port.

Upon sailing from loading port, Master to advise Charterers and Agents at discharging port by telex or cable of time of sailing, Bills of Lading quantity, holdwise loaded, sailing draft, E.T.A. discharging port and estimated arrival draft.

Thereafter Master / Owners have to advise the same parties 10 / 7 / 5 / 3 / 2 days and 24 hours prior to E.T.A. discharging port.

Clause 35.1

Loadable quantity to be advised by Owners or Master's approximated 5 days prior to vessel's E.T.A. loading port which is for Charterers' reference. Exact loadable quantity to be declared in writing by Master upon tendering Notice of Readiness.

Clause 35.2

The vessel shall be seaworthy.

Vessel to be Used

M/V " LOWLANDS SUMIDA "

Built 1998 - Imabari flag - Panama

Loa / Beam /draft 224.94 meters / 32.2 meters / 18.7 meters

DWT 72,494 MT on 13.553 meters SSW - TPC 66.4

Grain 3,022,808 cubic feet grain in main holds

Holds / Hatches 7 / 7

14 knots laden / 14.5 knots ballast on about 37 (L) / 36.0 (B) metric tons IFO 380 CST no diesel at sea;

Vessel uses MDO for manoeuvering in restricted waters;

In port FO / DO about 3 MT / 0.2 MT per day

All details " about "

Clause 37

.4 Owners to ensure that vessel's crew to open and close hatches (provided same is allowed by shore regulation) whenever required at vessel's time and expense and vessel provides light as on board for night work free of expense to the Charterers.

The vessel is to permit the use of it's winches and other appropriate gear and is to provide sufficient power for same without cost to Charterers.

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Clause 39

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When so required by stevedores (Charterers), Receivers, vessel to close hatch covers during non-weather permitting periods, in both loading and discharging ports.

Clause 40

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Clause 41

Any taxes and/or dues on cargo to be for Charterers' account at both ends. Any taxes and/or dues on vessel and/or freight to be for Owners' account at both ends.

Clause 42

Arbitration Clause

Any dispute arising out of this Charter Party or any Bill of Lading issued hereunder shall be referred to arbitration in London in accordance with the arbitration act 1996 and any statutory modification or re-enactment in force, English Law shall apply. Upon receipt of the nomination in writing of the claimant's arbitrator, the party receiving the nomination shall

appoint its arbitrator within fourteen days, failing which the dispute shall be determined by the single arbitrator. If both parties each appoint an arbitrator and those arbitrators do not agree, they shall appoint an umpire whose decision shall be final and binding.

If the amount in dispute is less than U.S.\$ 100'000.- the matter shall be referred to the Small Claim Tribunal in London in accordance with the L.M.A.A. Procedure 1989. The arbitrators, Umpire and Mediator shall be commercial persons normally engaged in the Shipping Industry.

Clause 43

All stevedore damages to be settled directly between Owners and stevedores. Charterers will assist Owners to recover eventual stevedores damages, only when notified in writing by the Master at the time of occurrence of damage or latest within 24 hours thereafter. Master to co-operate with Charterers and Agents on giving prompt notice of claim in writing to party causing same latest before sailing. The Master to use his best efforts to obtain written acknowledgement by responsible parties causing damage unless damage be made good in the meantime by stevedores otherwise Charterers will not assist.

Clause 44

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Clause 45

Owners guarantee vessel must be ISM certified and fax the ISM / DOC Certificates to Charterers.

Clause 46

ISM Clause

From the date of coming into force of the International Safety Management (ISM) code in relation to the vessel and thereafter during the currency of this Charter Party, the Owners shall procure that the vessel and "the Company" (as defined by the ISM Code) shall comply with the requirements of the ISM Code.

Upon request the Owners shall provide a copy of relevant Document of Compliance (DOC) and Safety Management Certificate (SMC) to the Charterers.

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter Party, loss, damage, expense or delay caused by failure on the part of "the Company" to comply with the ISM Code shall be for the Owners' account.

Clause 47

Fixture to be kept top Private and Confidential and not to report on market.

War Cancelling Clause

In the event of war or warlike operation involving either Japan ROC (Taiwan) United States of America, Great Britain, CIS, People's Republic of China, Brazil, Germany, France, Norway of the nation under the flag of which any vessel performing under this contract is registered, and this, seriously affects Charterers' or Owners' ability to perform or cost of performing their obligations under this contract, Charterers or Owners may cancel this Charter-Party.

Clause 49

Charterers and Owners agree to sign the Charter-Party within two months after fully fixed.

Clause 50

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Bimco Standard War Risks Clause for Voyage Chartering, 1993 Code Name: "Voywar 1993"

- For the purpose of this Clause, the words:
 - "Owners" shall include the Shipowners, Bareboat Charterers, Disponent (a) Owners, managers or other operators who are charged with the management of the vessel, and the Master; and
 - "war risks" shall include any war (whether actual or threatened), act of war, (b) civil war, hostilities, revolution, rebellion, civil commotion, warlike operations, the laying of mines (whether actual or reported), acts of piracy, acts of terrorists, acts of hostility or malicious damage, blockades (whether imposed against all vessels or imposed selectively against vessels of certain flags or ownership, or against certain cargoes or crews or otherwise howsoever), by any person, body, terrorist or political group, or the government of any state whatsoever, which, in the reasonable judgement of the master and/or the owners, may be dangerous or are likely to be or to become dangerous to the vessel, her cargo, crew or other persons on board the vessel.
- (2)If at any time before the vessel commences loading, it appears that, in the reasonable judgement of the Master and/or the Owners, performance of the contract of carriage, or any part of it, may expose, or is likely to expose, the vessel, her cargo, crew or other persons on board the vessel to war risks, the owners may give notice to the Charterers cancelling this contract of carriage, or may refuse to perform such part of it as may expose, or may be likely to expose, the vessel, her cargo, crew or other persons on board the vessel to war risks; provided always that if this contract of carriage provides that loading or discharging is to take place within a range of ports, and at the port or ports nominated by the Charterers the vessel, her cargo, crew, or other persons onboard the vessel may be exposed, or may be likely to be exposed, to war risks, the owners shall first require the Charterers to nominate any other safe port which lies within the range for loading or discharging, and may only cancel this contract of carriage if the Charterers shall not have nominated such safe port or ports within 48 hours of receipt of notice of such requirement.

- (3)The Owners shall not be required to continue to load cargo for any voyage, or to sign bills of lading for any port or place, or to proceed or continue on any voyage, or on any part thereof, or to proceed through any canal or waterway, or to proceed to or remain at any port or place whatsoever, where it appears, either after the loading of the cargo commences, or at any stage of the voyage thereafter before the discharge of the cargo is completed, that, in the reasonable judgement of the master and/or the owners, the vessel, her cargo (or any part thereof), crew or other persons on board the vessel (or any one or more of them) may be, or are likely to be, exposed to war risks. if it should so appear, the owners may by notice request the Charterers to nominate a safe port for the discharge of the cargo or any part thereof, and if within 48 hours of the receipt of such notice, the Charterers shall not have nominated such a port, the owners may discharge the cargo at any safe port of their choice (including the port of loading) in complete fulfillment of the contract of carriage. The Owners shall be entitled to recover from the Charterers the extra expenses of such discharge and, if the discharge takes place at any port other than the loading port, to receive the full freight as though the cargo had been carried to the discharging port and if the extra distance exceeds 100 miles, to additional freight which shall be the same percentage of the freight contracted for as the percentage which the extra distance represents to the distance of the normal and customary route, the Owners having a lien on the cargo for such expenses and freight.
- (4) If at any stage of the voyage after the loading of the cargo commences, it appears that, in the reasonable judgement of the Master and/or the Owners, the vessel, her cargo, crew or other persons on board the vessel may be, or are likely to be, exposed to war risks on any part of the route (including any canal or waterway) which is normally and customarily used in a voyage of the nature contracted for, and there is another longer route to the discharging port, the Owners shall give notice to the Charterers that this route will be taken. In this event the Owners shall be entitled, if the total extra distance exceeds 100 miles, to additional freight which shall be the same percentage of the freight contracted for as the percentage which the extra distance represents to the distance of the normal and customary route.
- (5) The vessel shall have liberty:
 - (a) to comply with all orders, directions, recommendations or advice as to departure, arrival, routes, sailing in convoy, ports of call, stoppages, destinations, discharge of cargo, delivery or in any way whatsoever which are given by the government of the nation under whose flag the vessel sails, or other government to whose laws the Owners are subject, or any other government which so requires, or any body or group acting with the power to compel compliance with their orders or directions;
 - (b) to comply with the orders, directions or recommendations of any war risks

Underwriters who have the authority to give the same under the terms of the war risks insurance;

- (c) to comply with the terms of any resolution of the security council of the united nations, any directives of the European community, the effective orders of any other supranational body which has the right to issue and give the same, and with national laws aimed at enforcing the same to which the Owners are subject, and to obey the orders and directions of those who are charged with their enforcement;
- (d) to discharge at any other port any cargo or part thereof which may render the vessel liable to confiscation as a contraband carrier;
- (e) to call at any other port to change the crew or any part thereof or other persons on board the vessel when there is reason to believe that they may be subject to internment, imprisonment or other sanctions;
- **(f)** where cargo has not been loaded or has been discharged by the Owners under any provisions of this clause, to load other cargo for the Owners' own benefit and carry it to any other port or ports whatsoever, whether backwards or forwards or in a contrary direction to the ordinary or customary route.
- (6)If in compliance with any of the provisions of sub-clauses (2) to (5) of this Clause anything is done or not done, such shall not be deemed to be a deviation, but shall be considered as due fulfillment of the contract of carriage.

Clause 51

Maximum U.S.\$ 50,000 / U.S.\$ 80,000 port expenses for Owners' account in Peoples Republic of China for one / two discharging port(s) respectively.

Clause 52

BIMCO Standard Year 2000 Clause

"Year 2000 conformity" shall mean that neither performance nor functionality of computer systems, electronic and electro-mechanical or similar equipment will be affected by dates prior to or during the year 2000.

Without prejudice to their other rights, obligations and defences under this Charter-Party including, where applicable, those of the Hague or Hague-Visby Rules, the Owners and the Charterers, and in particular the Owners in respect of the Vessel, shall exercise due diligence in ensuring Year 2000 conformity in so far as this has a bearing on the performance of this Charter-Party.

Owners guarantee that vessel is fitted for Iron Ore trade between Canada and China and comply with all loading and discharging port regulations and having all valid certificates etc.. All time / cost / expense incurred in comply with the regulations to be for Owners' time and account. Any time lost and expense due to vessel's age and/or condition to be for Owners' account. In case any survey at load port causing by vessel's age and condition, Notice of Readiness will only allowed to tender after such survey passed and survey charge to be for Owners' account.

Clause 54

Owners guarantee vessel is fully P. and I. covered and her P. and I. Club is a member of International Group of P. and I. Clubs and Owners guarantee vessel's Class is a member of IACS and will remain so throughout the duration of this Charter-Party.

Clause 55

At discharge port, laytime shall cease to count upon completion of discharge.

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